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Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatal Stabbing in Long Beach

A 34-year-old man was sentenced today to 16 years to life in state prison after he was convicted of killing a man with a screwdriver, the Log Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Arturo Ruiz Torres of Long Beach was convicted by a jury on Dec. 22, 2014, of second-degree murder in case NAO97414. Additionally, the jury found true the special allegation that a screwdriver was used as a deadly weapon.

Deputy District Attorney Lindsay Kurtis, who prosecuted the case, said on Nov. 3, 2013, Torres was harassed by an unknown man who yelled racial slurs at him.

Torres went after the unknown man and came cross Anthony Ramirez, who was riding his bicycle near the defendant, the prosecutor said.

According to trial testimony, Torres wrongfully believed Ramirez was the person who was yelling at him. As a result, Torres stabbed Ramirez with a screwdriver, the prosecutor said.

Following the stabbing, Torres fled the area while Ramirez died at the scene, the prosecutor added.

Six days after the incident, Torres was apprehended by police and charged in connection with the crime.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.